

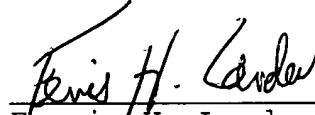
REMARKS

Applicants herein elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-8) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 9-36 are withdrawn from consideration. It is understood that claims 9-36, drawn to the non-elected inventions (Groups II-VI), will remain pending, albeit withdrawn from consideration on the merits at this time. Applicants retain the right to present the non-elected claims (claims 9-36) in a divisional application.

CONCLUSION

Now that Applicants have fully responded to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2006, an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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